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Manor Hill Farm is significant because it preserves original farmland and architectural elements characteristic of the Pennsylvania-Menonite people who settled in Long Green during the mid-19th century. Exemplary components of this style documented in the architecture of the original two and one half story, cross gable roof house include a raised coursed rubble basement level, front porch capped by a shed roof, extending across the front (north) entrance facade, and a single, round arch (4/4) sash window on the upper half story under the gable roof on the front facade. A "summer kitchen" addition which was utilized during hot summer months, still exists on the south (rear) facade, although it has been modified. The well preserved wood, gable roof barn is typical of 19th century agricultural architecture of the mid-Atlantic region and more specifically, 19th century Pennsylvania-Menonite agricultural communities. Additional original outbuildings include a 19th century masonry springhouse, which continues to supply clean water, a small, barn/carriage house structure (date undocumented) and the timber foundation of a 19th century smokehouse.

Manor Hill Farm derives local historical recognition from the family who lived there. The farm was purchased by Peter Nafzinger in 1861, and his descendents continued to occupy the land for 100 years. His heirs are still active members of the Long Green rural community.

The restrained and untrimmed domestic and agricultural structures preserve and continue to reflect the practical style and culture of the people who lived there for four generations.

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BA# 1948 MANOR HILL FARM LONG GREEN

EXTERIOR DESCRIPTION

Manor Hill Farm is located off of Manor Road in Long Green, a pastoral farming community in north Baltimore County. The naturally abundant property consists of 96 acres of extensive pastures, hills, and woods. When the property was purchased c. 1861 it included 166 acres and was known as the "Land of Promise". Since that time 70 acres of the original property have been segmented into smaller privately owned residential lots.

Breidenbaugh Lane, a winding dirt road, provides access to the Manor Hill Farm homestead and outbuildings. A picturesque red, wooden barn with a painted cinderblock silo capped with a metal doomed roof, is the first structure to come into view. Located on the east side of Breidenbaugh Lane, the barn displays a painted wood sign which immediately identifies the property. The large 19th century barn features a painted, coursed rubble raised foundation, vertical, painted wood sheathing, and is topped with a corrugated metal (20th century) gable roof. It is used to shelter a small herd of cows and several horses kept by the present owners.

In the west facade, four, nine light casement windows are exposed in the raised foundation level at the south end. There is similar fenestration in the north end of this facade. An asphalt shingle shed roof extends across half of the south exterior of the barn just above the foundation level of the structure. Because the building is set into a slight hill, the stone foundation level creates a first story level on this south side. Four bipartite, vertical, painted wood board stable doors, with iron strap hinges, are irregularly spaced under the shed roof at the ground story. There are two, small, four light casement windows placed between the first and second stable doors. A vertical wood board enclosed shed with a metal shed roof, spans the remainder of the south facade of the barn. It is painted white and lacks any embellishment. Access to the interior is provided by wide, vertical board, double doors on the west side of the addition. A smaller, painted vertical wood board shed, topped by a corrugated metal shed roof extends from the east side of the larger shed.

A single story, enclosed addition, capped by a slightly inclined, corrugated metal roof with wood post supports, extends the entire length of the east facade of the barn. It is constructed of the same vertical siding as the main barn and is enclosed at its north and south ends. The upper story of the east facade is plain.

The north facade of the barn features a tall round silo capped by a corrugated metal, domed roof. It adjoins the main body of the barn at a one and one half story painted coursed rubble, hyphenlike addition. A modern, painted door with three lights provides an entrance at the ground level. There is a small, square, four light casement window above the doorway under the gabled roof line.

A white, wood post fence beginning at the smaller shed, at a perpendicular angle, forms a rectangular pen (approximately 3/4 of an acre) on the south facade of the barn. Another fence of similar construction forms a larger pen (approximately one acre) north and west of the barn. Both are mainly used for riding and exercising horses.

There is a smaller, one and one half story, vertical wood board, barn, with an enclosed, vertical wood board, corrugated metal shed roof addition located across the dirt drive way from the main barn. The structure is capped by a corrugated metal gable roof. Fenestration consists of a single, gabled dormer window in the south/west roof and a small 2/2 casement window centrally placed under the minimal eaves of the upper one half story. The shed addition on the south side of the barn, has been allowed to deteriorate. A wide, rectangular opening in the west facade serves as an entrance to the neglected building. It was originally used to store plows, wagons, buggies, and eventually, tractors and farm machinery. However, its primary appearance and function are not well documented.

Breidenbaugh Lane terminates and becomes a dirt driveway which leads past the barns to the main farm house of Manor Hill Farm. four bay, two and one half story, cross gable farm house faces north on a slight plateau overlooking a sprawling valley. The foundation and raised basement consists of coursed rubble which has been painted gray by its present occupants. There is a small rectangular 2/2 casement window located at the porch line in the raised basement north entrance facade. The original sheathing, which is unknown, has been covered with simple, white, horizontal board siding (20th century). Wood, louvred shutters painted black, embellish the double hung 4/4 windows with plain trim. A four bay veranda, with four simple, square wood post supports and wood front railing, extends the length of the north front facade. original entrance consisted of two doorways. One door was enclosed to create an additional window in the facade shortly after 1961. front doorway is a plain, painted wood door with a protective glass and aluminum storm door (20th century). A round arch 4/4 sash window with painted wood surround and sill is located in the center of the upper most half story. The painted eaves lack any embellishment. The roof is covered with asphalt shingles. The original roof sheathing is not documented.

The west facade includes three bays with double hung 4/4 sash windows. Two of the bays are located in a three sided bay addition (20th century) with a slightly gabled asphalt shingle roof and plain painted eaves. An outside end brick chimney, sheathed in siding to the roof line, is situated on this facade on the north side of the bay addition. There is also a small double hung 2/2 sash window with plain trim, positioned just above the bay addition roof.

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A porch with an asphalt shingle shed roof, extends half way across the first story of the south rear facade. A plain wood door and glass and aluminum storm door create an entrance to the interior. There are two double hung 4/4 sash windows with plain trim on the second story level. A one and one half story addition was constructed at a 900 angle to this facade during the initial construction of the farmstead. Roof and exterior sheathing is consistent with the exterior of the entire main house. The original 19th century sheathing is unknown. A plain wood entrance door with storm door, is located in the west facade. Fenestration consists of 20th century double hung sash windows with plain trim; a single window in the second story of the north and south walls and two bays found in the east wall.

The present owners constructed a small guest house (c. 1970) which is attached to the facade of the original addition. The single story, asphalt shingle gable roof, horizontal board structure is entered through a modern door with four lights. Two aluminum double hung 6/6 sash windows were installed on the south side of the doorway.

The east facade of Manor Hill Farm has two bays consisting of four identical double hung 4/4 sash windows. There is a single, small 4/4 sash window slightly south of the first story windows. There are two, small, 2/2 sash windows with plain wood surrounds, located in the upper most half story of this facade. Two additional casement windows are situated in the raised basement level.

The farmhouse at Manor Hill is surrounded by a wide variety of trees and shrubs. The front lawn (north) is well kept by the present owners. During 20 years of occupency they have planted fruit trees and perennial flowers to compliment the natural beauty of the landscape. The front north lawn overlooks the barn, riding pens and rural farmlands beyond. Land which was once planted with a variety of crops has been left fallow for many seasons. The current owners of Manor Hill Farm have planted the land below the home site to the north with evergreens during the last fifteen years.

The driveway creates a path around the west facade to the backyard in the south. A small patch of lawn in front of the south facade porch is planted with a grape arbor. The rear part of the farm house is where several generations of children have played. Toys, a clothesline and an assortment of porch furniture indicate the frequent use of this area by its current occupants.

Approximately 20' south of the south facade is the remainder of a foundation of a small outbuilding. Wood tie beams form a rectangle (approximately 12'x14') which has been filled in with cement. At one time this was the smokehouse for the farm. Original construction, appearance and destruction are not documented.

South, approximately 25' from the smokehouse foundation, nestled in an overgrown ridge, is a small, gable roof, coursed rubble and mortar springhouse. An underground spring is barely exposed as it collects in the 19th century outbuilding. Most of the water on Manor Hill Farm is provided by this steady source.

A ridge covered with an overgrown tangle of weed, vines and trees, above the springhouse, leads to a hillcrest from which most of the land comprising Manor Hill Farm may be surveyed. The bucolic vista includes rolling hills, patches of woods and neighboring farms, miniaturized by distance

8 SIGNIFICANCE

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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HISTORY

The land known as "Manor Hill Farm" was occupied and farmed by the Nafzinger family for four generations from 1861 until 1961, when it was sold to the present owners.

According to Mrs. Martha Reed, one of the last of the Nafzingers to be born and raised at Manor Hill Farm, her grandfather, Peter Nafzinger originally immigrated to America from Illbach, Germany in 1827. He came to Long Green in North Baltimore County with a group of Amish Menonites from Mifflin and Lancaster Counties in 1861. Lydia Yoder, daughter of Bishop Solomon Yoder of Long Green, and Peter Nafzinger were married in 1860.

A deed of purchase in the Land Records Office of Baltimore County indicates that Peter Nafzinger purchased approximately 166 acres of land known as "Land of Promise", April 16, 1861 (A.W.B. 455/243, DEED). The original deed reveals that the property was put up for auction by Sarah Elizabeth and Elvira Wilson, represented by Robert Edwards, trustee. It was purchased by Charles Gorsuch, 'the highest bidder', for \$4525.00. Peter Nafzinger acquired "Land of Promise" for \$5000.00 from Charles Gorsuch.

Mrs. Reed's maternal grandfather, Peter Nafzinger, constructed a "gross daddy home" on the property in 1866. It was constructed in a traditional 19th century Pennsylvania-Menonite style featuring a wood frame, front porch spanning the entrance facade, coursed rubble raised basement and rear facade addition. This addition, called a "summer house" was utilized for cooking, canning and preserving farm produce during the hot summer months. The original farmhouse featured two front doors—a Menonite custom which allowed for one door to welcome the new bride and another to carry out the deceased.

Before a Menonite church was constructed in Long Green, members of the Amish Menonite community rotated holding meetings in their home. The Nafzingers frequently held meetings in their comparatively large house. Mrs. Reed recalls that wood benches were stored under the front porch until they were used for the meetings.

There was a smokehouse constructed south of the summer house addition (c.1866-1870). Only the rectangular, timber beam foundation remains, which has been filled with concrete. There is no documentation of the original appearance or eventual destruction of this outbuilding. South of the smokehouse, a small, stone, gable roof springhouse was erected to collect water from an underground stream on the property. It continues to supply fresh water to the farm occupants today.

A large, red, wooden barn was constructed (c.1866, undocumented) to shelter livestock and store feed. The utilitarian structure with stalls for horses and cows and a storage silo was an integral part of the Nafzingers agrarian lifestyle. No records remain to document actual use of the barn during the 19th and early 20th centuries—its function continues to be self-evident.

The Nafzingers farmed their fertile land as did most of the Long Green community. There were fruit trees, two vegetable gardens, two flower gardens and fields of corn and grain. They also grew medicinal herbs. The family lived on what they grew, although much of the produce was cultivated to be sold at market. Four generations thrived heartily on the rich land.

The original property has been segmented into smaller parcels over the years. An 1876 Tax Ledger in the Baltimore County Tax List Records indicates that "Land of Promise" consisted of 107 acres. (There is no reference to the initial division of the 166 acres to 107 acres during the 10 year span). The will of Peter Nafzinger (15/10; 6/11/1907) stipulated that his 'estate and proceeds' be divided equally among his wife Lydia and their children, Fannie, Moses, John and Lizzie. The chain of title indicates that after Peter Nafzinger died in 1908, his widow Lydia, and their children, Fannie, John and Lizzie sold their 'interest' to Moses Nafzinger and his wife, Emma (339/81; 7/16/1908, DEED).

A 1918 Tax Ledger in the Baltimore County Tax List Records (1918/753) is more revealing. It specifies that the Nafzinger property consisted of 102 acres, 'one-half mile east of Trinity Church; adjoining E.B. Templeman on the north'. An inventory of the Nafzinger holdings included:

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The chain of title reveals that the property changed hands between members of the Nafzinger and Briedenbaugh families. Between 1943 and 1952 five, one acre plots were parcelled out to members of the family and their spouses from the estate of Emma C. Nafzinger (44/2; 11/14/1942; date of death, 5/2/1950).

Physical transitions over the years include the installation of indoor plumbing and electricity in the farmhouse and main barn (dates undocumented). A two story, three sided bay was added to the west exterior facade (date undocumented). Also, modern, vertical board siding

and asphalt roof shingles were installed over the original sheathing of the entire structure.

In 1961, John S. and Virginia L. Anderson purchased the 96 acres remaining of the Nafzinger property (1910/356; 10/18/1961, DEED). The Andersons were originally from Massachusetts and were attracted to the area because of the milder mid-Atlantic region climate and the peacefulness of the rural Long Green community.

Shortly after the Andersons moved into the farmhouse, they enclosed one of the front doorways in the North entrance facade and installed a modern four by four double hung sash window. They modernized the summer house on the south facade to create a guest house and expanded it further by attaching a single story addition of similar appearance. The simply timmed exterior of the farmhouse is painted white with black, wood louvred shutter. The coursed rubble raised basement level is painted gray (appearance before 1961 is not formally documented at this time.

Documentation of the condition of the barn when the property was purchased in 1961 is not currently available. Consistent maintenance has preserved the 19th century agricultural structure. Coats of red paint sustain the condition of the vertical wood board siding. Corrugated metal (20th century) covers the roof, leaving no evidence of the original roof sheathing. It is used to shelter a small herd of cows and several horses kept by the Andersons. New fencing (c. 1960-1970) was constructed to deliniate pasture and riding pens.

Mr. and Mrs. Anderson have planted flower beds and fruit trees around the house and grounds which enhance the enduring rural landscape.

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FOOTNOTES

- See Chain of Title.
- 2. Reed, Martha (Mrs Dennis), "The Long Green Heritage", booklet (no date). All information concerning the Peter Nafzinger family and the original farmstead was derived from Mrs. Reed's account of her family history in the Long Green Community.
- 3. Ibid.
- 4. Ibid.
- 5. Baltimore County Land Records, Baltimore County Court House, Towson, Maryland.
- 6. The Wilson family had been settled in Long Green for some time (not documented in this history). It was stipulated in the purchase of the property that a small family cemetery remain Wilson property: "Excepting burying ground (small parcel reserved) starting at SW corner running NE 4 perches; SE 4 perches; SW 4 perches; NW 4 perches; 16 square perches"; (approximately 50' x 50') (A.W.B. 455/243; 4/16/1861).
- 7. There is no indication as to when the name, Manor Hill Farm was adopted.
- 8. See Reed, Martha.
- 9. Ibid.
- 10. Ibid.
- ll. See slide #9.
- 12. See slides #10, #11.
- 13. See slides #13-17.
- 14. See slide #18.
- 15. See Reed, Martha.
- 16. Will 15/10, Peter Nafzinger 6/11/1907; Baltimore County Wills, Baltimore County Court House, Towson, Maryland.

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CHAIN OF TITLE

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5068/382 1/14/1970 MORTGAGE From John S., Virginia L. Anderson to Clayton W. Bordley, Inc.

3910/356 10/18/1961 DEED

From Royal T. Bauer to John S., and Virginia L. Anderson (Breidenbaugh Lane east of Manor Road; adjoining Caleb Wilson's land; adjoining Breidenbaugh (Christian P. Bauer and wife) formerly Justice Eicholtz's land; adjoining Henry M. Eckhart's land (formerly Isaac Hertzler's); adjoining: intersect Old Manor Road, belonging to Peter Nafzinger (acquired 11/8/1861 from Fielding); including: private burial ground around 50'x50' now enclosed by a stone fence.

2026/178 8/12/1951 DEED From Nafzinger et. al. to Bauer (saving and excepting from above) prop.: 5 lots conveyed by Emma Nafzinger et. al., in the following deeds:

- 1) 1304/531 From E.C. Nafzinger to J.C. Breidengaugh; 1 acre 9/27/1943
- 2) 1434/422 From E.C. Nafzinger to H.M. Eckhart; 1 acre 2/21/1946
- 3) 1434/423 From E.C. Nafzinger to Lewis M. Nafzinger; l acre 2/21/1946
- 4) 1434/425 From E.C. Nafzinger to Christian P. Breidenbaugh; 2/21/1946 l acre
- 5) 197/391 From Royal T. Bauer to Royal T. Bauer, Jr. 10/17/1952

2026/178 10/12/1951 DEED From Lewis M. Nafzinger and wife; Lillie Mae and Christian P. Breidenbaugh, Ida E. and John C. Breidenbaugh, Matha R. and Henry M. Eckhart; to Royal T. and Marie A. Bauer.

1041/31 8/11/1938 DEED From Christian P. Breidenbaugh to Moses E. Nafzinger.

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1041/30 8/11/1938 DEED From Moses E. Nafzinger and wife to Christian P. Breidenbaugh and wife.

(mentions easements to American Telephone and Telegraph Co. of Baltimore City)

339/81 7/16/1908 DEED From Lydia Nafzinger, widow, et. al., to Moses E. Nafzinger and wife.

A.W.B. 455/243 4/16/1861

From Robert Edwards, trustee, to Peter Nafzinger.

""Land of Promise", 166 2/3 acres; by public auction"

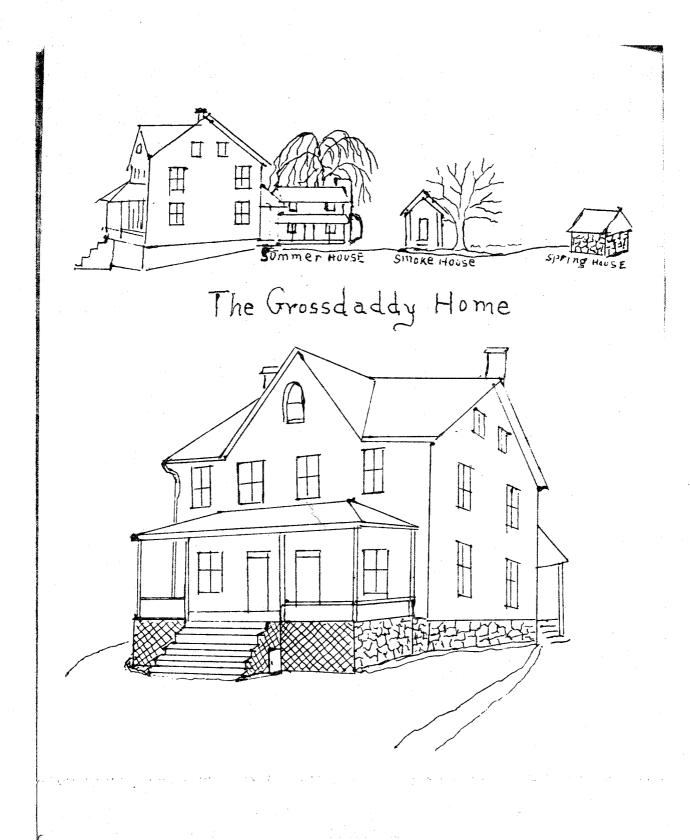
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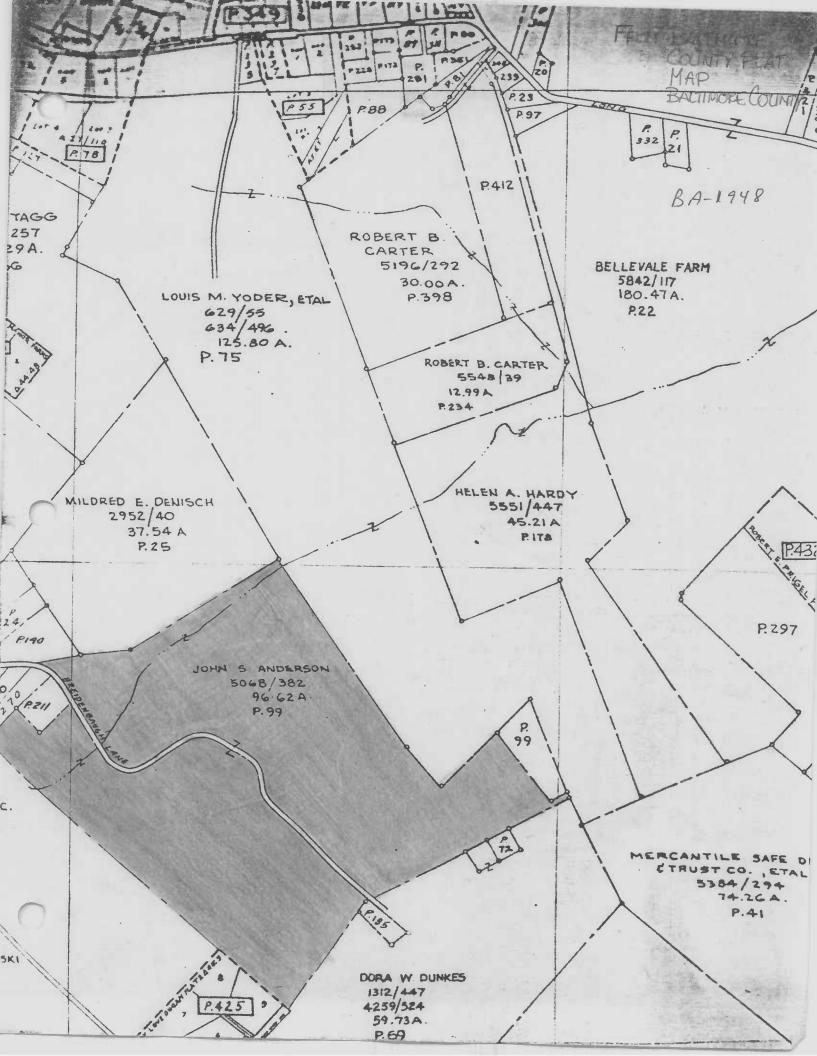
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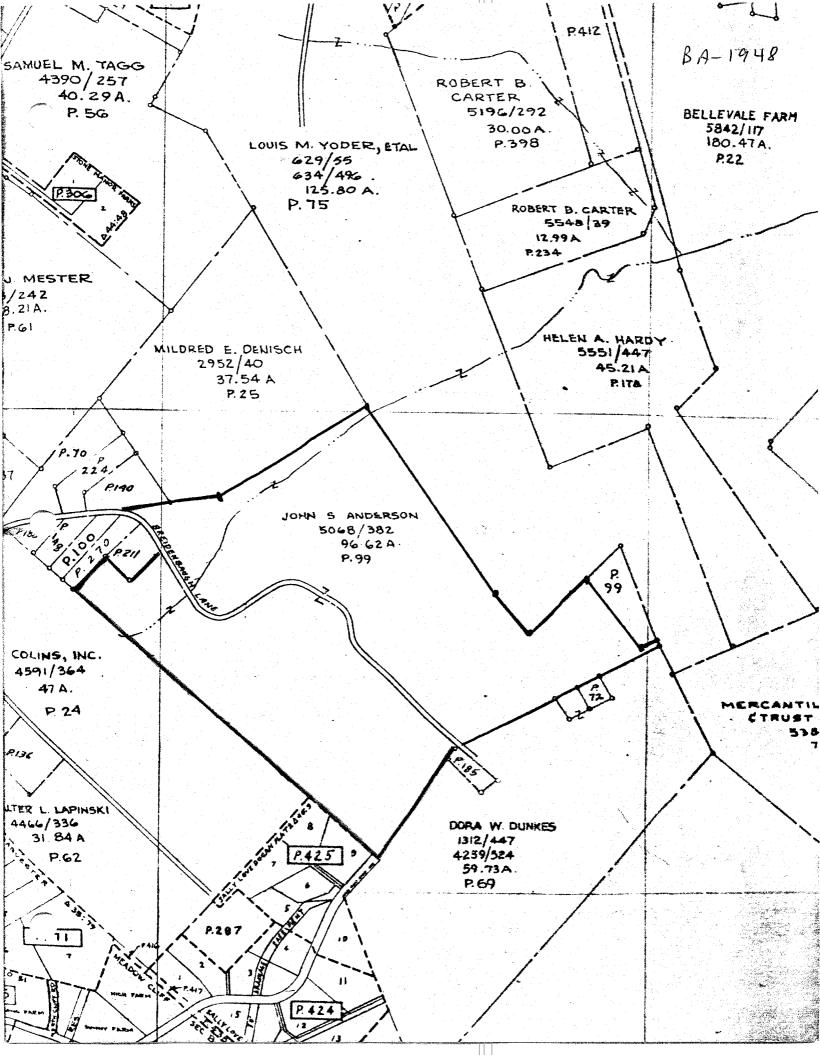
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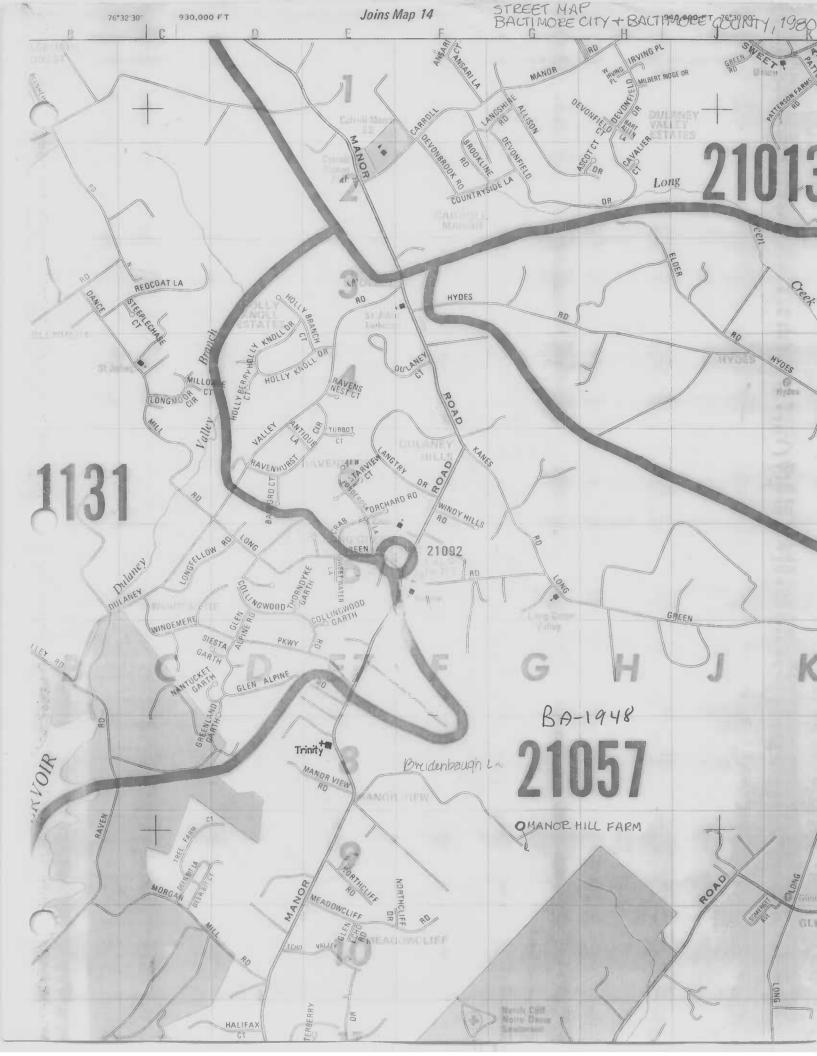
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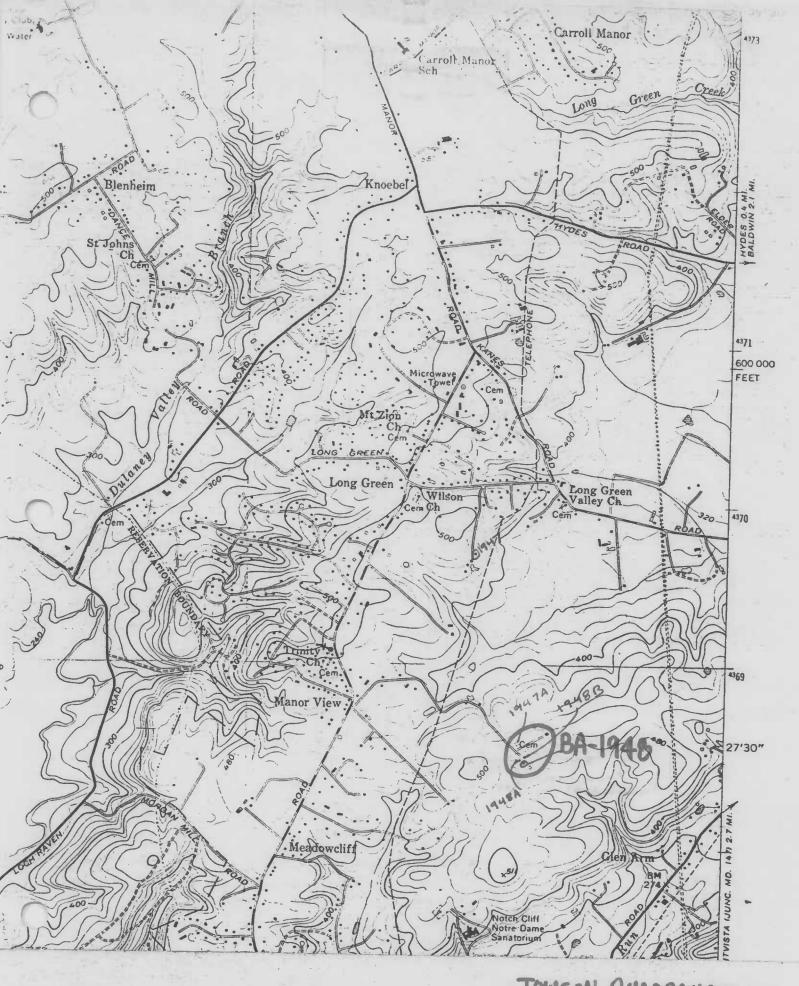
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